



# NEW RIVER/DESERT HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

*Dedicated to the preservation of our Community and its rural life style*

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## December 8—7:30 PM

New River/Desert Hills Community Association  
**Annual Holiday Social with Special Guest Andy Kunasek**  
at *Crossroads Christian Fellowship*  
42425 N. New River Rd., New River, Arizona

### NR/DHCA Meetings

**Dec 8, 7:30 PM--** NR/DHCA will host its Annual Holiday Social & Dessert Potluck with special guest, District 3 County Supervisor Andy Kunasek. Supervisor Kunasek will be giving us an informal update on the County's 2009 highlights and a sneak peak at 2010. This is also the evening we celebrate the season with our members, friends and neighbors. Please join us for our Annual Holiday Social and Dessert Potluck. We ask that everyone attending bring a dessert or sweet treat to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided by the NR/DHCA. The meeting is open to the public and all are welcome to attend. If you have questions for Supervisor Kunasek, you may submit them in advance by emailing NR/DHCA at [nrdhca@gmail.com](mailto:nrdhca@gmail.com).

### Future Meetings

**Jan 12 – TBA.** For more information or if you have a idea for a meeting speaker, please call 623-587-7039 or visit [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org).

### County Boards

Board meetings agendas are at: [www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp](http://www.maricopa.gov/planning/agenda.asp)

### Board of Supervisors

**Dec 2**

- No agenda posted at printing time

### Board of Adjustment/Drainage Review Board

- Oct. 14. **BA2009033.** The BOA Board denied this case for the same reasons that NR/DHCA recommended denial. See November newsletter for details.
- Nov. 12. **BA2009053** at

**1509 E. Maddock.** The P & D staff recommend approval with stipulations whereas NR/DHCA does not believe the 25% reduction in the setback requirement should be allowed in our area; having open space is part of being rural.

### Planning & Development

- **Nov. 19 – no issues for our area**
- **Future – no date set - TA2007006** - Proposed changes to the Maricopa County Zoning Ordinance relating to signs. With a few exceptions, the NR/DHCA believes the changes are beneficial. Please see our opinion on [www.nrdhca.org](http://www.nrdhca.org) and let us know your thoughts on the matter.

### Community Events

- **Dec 4, 1st Friday of month, 7 AM - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek-** Speaker Steve Zabalski of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul. Hometown Buffet, 2730 W. Bell Rd.
- **Dec 15 - 3rd Tuesday of each month, Noon to 3 PM. Chat with Andy Kunasek** (Maricopa County Supervisor for our area) at Daisy Mountain Fire Dept, 43814 N New River Rd. Everyone invited.
- **Every Thursday, noon to 1: Toastmasters - Fishtales Club,** Eagle Room of the Arizona Game and Fish, 5000 W. Carefree Highway (west of I-17). Questions? Go to <http://fishtalestm.org/> or contact Mike at [mkaml@azgfd.gov](mailto:mkaml@azgfd.gov) or 623-236-7256. Everyone invited.
- **1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:00 PM – New River Kiwanis Club Meeting**

at the Kiwanis Building at the New River Community Park. Everyone invited.

- **Jan 1, 1st Friday of month, 7 AM - Breakfast with Andy Kunasek- CANCELLED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEAR'S DAY.**
- **Anytime - Drop your cans off at the "Can Dumpster"** located at the Three Bars Feed & Tack (47027 N New River Rd.). The proceeds will go to help fund the Larkyn Arena of the NR Park.

### Importance of Community Involvement

Why is it important to be involved in your communities? Community involvement is important because everyone should have a voice in making decisions that will affect their lives. Also, when you get involved in your community you get to help make important decisions that can play a vital role in your future. Despite others' endeavors to bring down the neighborhood, your opinions and involvement could have a major impact on the future development of your neighborhood!

**Tell your friends and neighbors to join NR/DHCA** in 2010. Our mission is to preserve its rural life style. The NR/DHCA is an all-volunteer organization devoted to promoting, protecting, and enhancing the rural lifestyle of the New River-Desert Hills communities. Membership annual dues (ONLY \$20 per residence) are used for mailings, website, and meeting expenses – all for the benefit of our community.

## Get Your Own Daisy Mountain Photo Calendar

Want a 2010 calendar with photos of Daisy Mountain scenery? Missed seeing the winning photos from the 2009 North Country Conservancy (NCC) Photo Contest? Here's your chance to look at the winning photos plus other stellar contest photos all year long. NCC is having a limited number of calendars printed; each month will have a different photo. We just ask for a minimum donation of \$5.00 per calendar. Being a volunteer organization, all donations will go to support NCC's efforts to preserve the natural landscape and wildlife habitat in the Daisy Mountain/Anthem/New River/Desert Hills region. To reserve your very own 2010 calendar, contact NCC at 623-742-6514 or [info@daisymountain.org](mailto:info@daisymountain.org).

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## Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

<http://www.azbikeped.org> is Arizona Department of Transportation's website designed to provide you with a wide variety of resources and information about biking and walking in Arizona, including places to bike and walk, how to integrate biking and walking into your commute, important laws and policies, safety issues, maps, and organizations. Bicycling and walking are not only great alternative modes of transportation, but also are great ways to get exercise and improve Arizona's air quality. Arizona is the perfect place for biking and walking year-round. So explore the site and enjoy the benefits of safe bicycling and walking.

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## Statewide Transportation Planning Framework Recommendations

The Statewide Transportation Planning Framework is a 40-year vision for the future, containing a series of multimodal improvement recommendations that encompass roadways, rail, transit, and accommodations for bicycle and pedestrian circulation. The handout with maps is at

[http://www.bqaz.gov/2009\\_Open\\_House/event\\_handout.asp](http://www.bqaz.gov/2009_Open_House/event_handout.asp). For more, go to [http://www.bqaz.gov/2009\\_Open\\_House/index.asp](http://www.bqaz.gov/2009_Open_House/index.asp)

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## Support Luke Air Force Base!

Show your support for Luke Air Force Base to serve as the training base for the F-35. The U.S. Air Force is in the process of selecting a new base for the F-35 Lightning II. Luke Air Force Base is well suited for this mission but they need your support. Visit [www.lukeforward.com](http://www.lukeforward.com) to show your support for this crucial community partner.

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